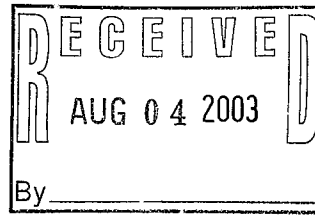




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RE: O'Hare International  
Airport  
Expansion and Modernization  
City of Chicago

Dear Mr. Smithmeyer:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the above referenced project. It is important that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources be involved in the review process to assure resource protection and compliance with the state Endangered Species Protection Act and the Interagency Wetlands Policy Act of 1989.

Please address all correspondence and meeting agendas to Mr. Steve Hamer of the Office of Realty and Environmental Planning, Division of Resource Review and Coordination at One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271.

Sincerely,

Steve Hamer  
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